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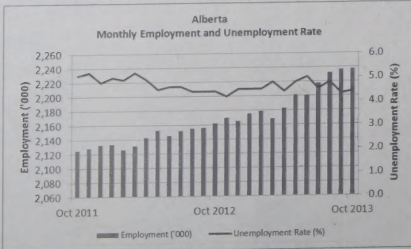
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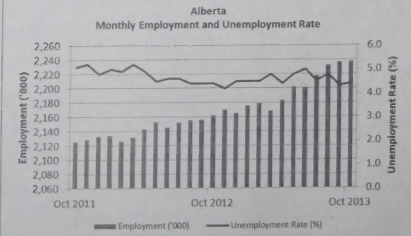
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Nordlys Film and Arts Festival: February 14-16 Tiffani Blatchford DAG WRITER

With Valentine's Day fast approaching, a classy evening to take your date to might be hard to plan. Lucky for those unprepared romantics, the Nordlys Film and Arts Festival will be happening at the Bailey theatre from February 14-16.

Their website, nordlysfestival.com, explains that the main purpose of the festival is to combine "award-winning films from around the world with live performances by talented musical guests." Although many of the films and acts are international, the festival still strives to highlight local musicians, and is proud to be showing two Alberta films this year, one of which is from the Camrose area.

This will be the Nordlys Festival's fifth year at the Bailey theatre, but it was originally started fifteen years ago and was called the Pretty Hill Film Festival. The closing ceremony of the festival still includes the Pretty Hill Award presentation.

The Nordlys website explains that "Nordlys, which is Norwegian for 'northern lights', is powered by a passionate group of community volunteers and has received generous support from community sponsors. And like the aurora borealis, the festival continues to inspire and transport its audience."

According to Nordlys Film & Arts Society board member Erika Heiberg, "the festival is about having fun and promoting community in the winter, when it's cold and dark." Heiberg has been involved with the festival since

live music between the films." The films featured come from all around the world and cover a wide array of topics, from reimagined fairy tales to child soldiers, matchmaking to residential schools. Some of the films come from as far

documentary, called *The Auctioneer*, is a about a man who works as both an undertaker and an auctioneer who specializes in selling family farms. The Auctioneer has been broadcast on CBC's documentary channel.

Strings, and The Skinner Family, all performing in the festival's segment known as Café Voltaire.

Heiberg says that many of the musical acts in the festival are found because they are local and know board members personally. Augustana's Learning and Beyond office also helps with the lineup by keeping in contact with past performers who can help to connect other acts to the festival. Many past performers are eager to return to Nordlys and provide great local music for another year.

In keeping with the community spirit, Nordlys depends on the help of volunteers. Volunteers typically will work a six hour shift, from 12pm-6pm or 6pm-12am. Currently Nordlys is searching for volunteers to work as ushers, concession operators, and bartenders. Volunteering is a great way to get involved with the community, and perhaps to occupy time on Valentine's Day if you don't have a date. Volunteers get to watch movies and musicians for free, and get to eat a volunteer appreciation dinner. If interested in volunteering for the festival contact info@nordlysfestival.com.

its beginning, when it was still held at Augustana. She had begun attending it when it was still called the Pretty Hill Film Festival, and became a student member of the board soon thereafter.

Steven Hansen, a founding member of Nordlys, is quoted on the website, saying that the festival is a "marathon weekend of movie watching and appreciation of the arts, and like most marathons, Nordlys leaves our festival-goers feeling like they covered a lot of ground. Firstly, we take them on a trip that spans continents and cultures, showing them first-rate films from around the world—and then we enhance that experience with great

away as Croatia, Spain, India, and Denmark.

On opening night, which falls on Valentine's Day, the celebration of arts and culture will begin with a black and white formal cocktail hour with music by the Camrose Composite High School Jazz Combo, followed by the opening ceremonies.

The first film of the festival will be *Blancaneves*, a black and white film from Spain which will reflect the formal Black and White theme of the first evening. The film is a version of Snow White set in 1920s Spain. On Saturday, February 15, a local film will be shown, followed by a Q&A. The creator of the film, Hans Olsen, will be appearing. His

Nordlys' Saturday night headliner will be the Newfoundland trio called The Once. The festival's website says, "The Once are a perfect fit for Nordlys—they are expressive and lyrical. They are exquisite musical storytellers." Although a lot of music from Newfoundland is inspired by loud pubs and highly energized taverns, The Once gets their inspiration from "a quieter and more thoughtful place." The band relies mainly on their voices and on acoustic instruments including guitar, fiddle, mandolin, and bouzouki.

Other featured musicians include Sebastian Barrera, Aaron Olofson and Jessica Dostie, Wetaskiwin



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State of the Union: A Canadian's Perspective on Obama's Address Ian Anderson DAG EDITOR

About a week and a half ago, U.S. President Barack Obama gave the 2014 state of the union address to his country and the world. He hit on a number of sore issues like foreign policy, health care, education, the federal debt, and minimum wage.

Everything he spoke about seemed optimistic, but the real question is whether he can actually act on his key points. Not only are Republicans against Obama, he has to deal with the fact that, according to CNN, almost 70% of Americans have a pessimistic outlook about America's future.

The state of the union address is meant for the President to update congress on how the country is doing. Over the years this has grown from an address to congress,

to a nationwide reassurance policy. Nothing in Obama's speech was unexpected, hard hitting, or based in reality. He stated that the affordable care act was improving American lives, but what about the people who have lost coverage because of it?

Obama proposed to raise minimum wage, which is a decent idea to help the American people. That is, until you consider that this will only affect about 220,000 federal employees, with new contracts, and wouldn't happen until 2015. Definitely a big win there, Mr. President.

This action will spark the debate of whether minimum wage should or needs to go up. Is a janitor going to do an extra \$2.85 of work per hour? Should the government be spending more money

considering its massive debt? These are the types of questions we will see in the coming months.

Elementary education reform was another major point, and I think it is interesting that the official Q&A after the address focused on post-secondary education instead. During the address Obama mentioned that Vice-President Joe Biden was working with special interest groups to ensure that Americans get the training they need to get into good paying jobs. Sounds great. I honestly have no issues with this.

The only education questions asked during the Q&A, though, were about student debt and affordability of post-secondary schooling. I think it was really unfortunate that the real issue over

the structure of the United States' education system was overlooked by the people.

This all ties back to the huge argument about student loans, and the cost of tuition in the United States. One of the arguments brought up during Q&A was that education is a right and therefore the government should be doing more in lowering costs. Primary and secondary education are regarded as a right, but post-secondary doesn't make the list. I think that the viewers who brought this up should have listened to that part of the speech a little more closely.

Unfortunately there were six or seven questions about post-secondary costs, and the panel kept giving the same answer: that the government is trying to help.

The main point of the speech that concerned me is that Obama is now willing to use any means at his disposal to get legislation through the house and into law, as he has done with minimum wage and immigration reform. Where was this mentality during his whole time in office? Just now, at the end of term, he is willing to try and make some progress? I am happy that he is finally trying to get something accomplished but for me, it is several years too late.

Overall the state of the union was a pat on the back, a few flash words, Obama stating he will take action after years of inaction, and very small steps on education reform. All in all, it was a waste of my two hours.



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Senate Reform in Canada

SUBMITTED BY Ari Evans

On January 29th Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau shocked Ottawa by kicking out Liberal senators from the Liberal Caucus. Although they will continue to be Liberal party members they will not be able to refer to themselves as Liberals in senate or be required to attend a weekly caucus meeting.

In November of last year, at the behest of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, the Supreme Court considered whether or not the Federal Government could unilaterally require senators to be elected, require the PM to "consider" elected senators when appointing new ones, impose term limits on Senators, or abolish the Senate completely. It is expected to issue a ruling sometime next year.

Canadians have been hemming and hawing about Senate reform throughout the entire lifetime of our confederation, the latest attempt having been a part of the 1992 Charlottetown Accord. In August of last year the NDP launched rolluptheredcarpet.ca, in favour of abolishing the Senate.

Now with every party leader supporting some kind of reform, we might see some real change. There are numerous options:

Keep the Senate as it is: The Senate could continue to function the way it does right now, with appointments made by the PM serving until they're forced to retire at 75. (Although, why should 2.4 million Atlantic Canadians collectively get 30 Senators between them and the 4.4 million Canadians of B.C. only get 6?)

Abolish the Senate: The metaphorical nuclear option of Senate reform is simply to completely elimi-

nate it. Who needs a house of sober second thought anyway? (Not Greece, Taiwan, Denmark, Finland, Israel, Norway, or any other unicameral legislature in the world.)

Elect the Senators: Whether in the form of Triple E (equal, elected and effective) reforms, or having the PM at least consider appointing from a list of elected senators-in-waiting, having the Upper House be elected is certainly an attractive option. (At the same time, it seems redundant to have two elected bodies creating and vetoing bills in the name of the people.)

Appoint Senators by lottery: There's also the possibility of having senators chosen by a lottery scheme from a list of Canadian citizens over the age of 35 that have never been convicted of an indictable offence. (Certainly not a mainstream idea, but there are more options out there than what our three major parties are giving us.)

Remove Parties from the Senate: Why don't we make them all independents, ala Justin Trudeau? The Senate could stay the way it is now, with a little jiggery here (fairer representation) and a little jaggery there (a mandate to be inclusive with regards to race and class for example) and voila—the Upper House will hopefully be better at reigning in the "democratic excesses" of the Lower House.

It's an interesting time in Canadian politics right now; it's not often we get a chance to affect this sort of reform successfully. If you see an option here that you like, inform your MP of your thoughts!

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2014 Olympics: Team Canada Olen Hillaby DAG WRITER

The XXII Olympic Winter Games are finally here. Taking place in Sochi, Russia, anticipations are high as team Canada has many medal hopefuls for this winter games. Some participants may even be from your community. Traditionally Canada has been very strong in the Winter Olympics, and this year will be no exception. There are strong competitors in nearly every event ranging from hockey to cross country skiing.

Hockey, one of Canada's favorite sports, will be a major part of many peoples Olympic viewing experience. Canada's men's team is very strong this year. Coach Mike Babcock [leads] a strong roster of NHL players including Jay Bouwmeester, Roberto Luongo, Drew Doughty, Patrice Bergeron and John Tavares. With high hopes to win gold for the second time in a row, team Canada stands a strong chance against many opponents including USA, Russia and many others. In the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Canada put forth a very strong bobsled team and once again is sending medal con-

tenders in several different classes, including women's two person sled, led by Kaillie Humphries. Humphries will be defending her gold from 2010 and has also just won gold in the overall women's world championship. On the men's side, Canada is sending three each of the 2 and 4 man teams. All these teams' pilots (Lyndon Rush, Justin Kripps and Chris Spring) have been on the world cup podium this year.

Team Canada is very prevalent in figure skating and is sending more competitors than any other country. With seventeen skaters in total representing Canada there is a good chance that Canada will stand on the podium.

Canadian snowboarders have done very well in the Olympics since snowboarding's debut in Nagasaki, Japan. A new sport being added to the snowboard and ski classes this year is slopestyle, where athletes attempt various kinds of tricks while achieving the highest altitude possible off of jumps. Canada has a great chance of winning medals in both the men's and

women's classes. Several Canadian competitors are fresh off of Gold medals in the X Games and World Championship, including Mark McMorris, Max Parrot, and Sebastien Toutant. In snowboard cross Maëlle Ricker hopes to defend her Vancouver Olympic gold. The current World Cup leader, Dominique Maltais is a hopeful on winning gold medals for Canada as well.

Team Canada will be sending a powerful alpine ski team to Sochi this year with several of the famous "Canadian Cowboys" attending. Erik Guay has recently won his 21st world cup win, breaking the Canadian record for World Cup finishes in Alpine Skiing. Other Canadians shooting for the podium include Jan Hudec, Michael Janyk, Manuel Osborne-Paradis, and Benjamin Thomsen, all of whom have competed in the World Cup circuit. Canadians also shouldn't be underestimated in free style skiing. Moguls champions Alex Bilodeau and Mikael Kingsbury are fresh of their part in Canada's sweep of the podium in the World

Cup. The women's team will feature the three Dufour-Lapointe sisters: Justine, Chloé and Maxime, who are all in the top five of the World Cup standings.

Boasting some of the best training facilities in the world, Canada has become very well known for having a very powerful speed skating team, in both long and short track settings. Coming off of powerful performances in the last four winter Olympics, the Canadian speed skating team has experienced a large amount of funding that has helped to attract some of the world's best coaches to Canada. This additional funding is combined with world class indoor long track facilities in Vancouver, Calgary, and Quebec City [to encourage athletes and coaches to train in Canada]. Canadian skaters are setting the bar high for Olympic Gold in several events. Charles Hamelin, a short track skater that won multiple gold medals in Vancouver, will be returning in both the 500 meter and team relay events. Marianne St-Gelais, also a multiple medal winner in Vancouver, will be

returning to the sprint and relay events. The long track team is also sending many former medal winners and is hoping to improve on their record breaking year in 2010. In 2010 Canadian speed skaters won a record fourteen medals and hope to improve their record in Sochi this year.

In 2010 Canada won twenty-six medals in total, fourteen of which were gold. Team Canada managed to bring in more gold medals than any other country and is set to do so once again in 2014. Team Canada is strong and ready to compete at their highest abilities throughout the entire Olympic Games in Sochi. Many Canadian athletes will be attending the games for the first time and some even have the proud honor to represent Canada in sports that are being held for the first time in the Olympics, like women's ski jumping.

The 2014 Olympic Winter Games will be covered full time online and on many TV channels, including CTV as Canada's official source for Olympic coverage.












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People chatting in front of the drink machines in the cafeteria.

People who Snapchat or take selfies in class.

Lack of plug-ins in the forum.

When people don't know when to stop talking in class.

What grinds your gears?